

QA-667
200 Porters Farm Lane
Stevensville Vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1860
Private

Summary Description

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Summary Statement of Significance

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-667

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic 200 Porters Farm Lane

other

2. Location

street and number 200 Porters Farm Lane not for publication

city, town Stevensville ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

Name Elsie R. Porter, Trustee

street and number PO Box 339 telephone

city, town Heathsville state VA zip code 22473

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1227 folio 140

city, town Centreville tax map 63 tax parcel 29 tax ID number 04-048008

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The dwelling at 200 Porters Farm Lane is a three-story, three-bay, cross-gable dwelling most closely resembling the Gothic Revival style.¹ The original, rectangular footprint has been altered with several additions. A two-story rear ell forms a T-plan with the main block. A one-story, side-gable addition is located off the north elevation of the main block. A one-story, shed-roofed addition is nestled in the crook between the main block and ell on the northwest corner. A one-story, shed-roofed addition is also nestled in the crook between the main block and ell on the southwest corner. A one-story, gable-roof, enclosed porch is attached to the south elevation of the main block.

The main block is topped with a metal seam roof terminating in a returning cornice at the gable ends. Decorative lightening rods run along the ridge of the rooflines. The ell and addition roofs are covered in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney rises through the roof just inside the rear elevation of the ell. One-over-one vinyl windows flanked by green shutters provide symmetrical fenestration. A two-over-two arched window is located in the cross-gable. The dwelling is clad in asbestos siding painted white. The main block and ell rest on brick piers while the additions rest on concrete block foundations.

A garage, sheathed in metal siding and topped with a metal seam roof, sits off the south side of the dwelling. Behind the dwelling a multi-bay equipment shed, sheathed in metal siding, runs along the northern border of the cleared area of the farmstead. Three smaller outbuildings resting on brick or block piers appear to have served as chicken or turkey coops and a corncrib.

The dwelling and outbuildings are surrounded by farm fields and are accessed down a long farm lane, which sits to the west of Romancoke Road.

¹ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1995), 196-201.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca. 1860

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The dwelling at 200 Porters Farm Lane is significant as an example of the Gothic Revival farmhouses that were popular during the mid-1800's and were once so prevalent on Maryland's Eastern Shore.² The details of the cross-gable, arched window, and use of brick piers for foundation materials suggest that the dwelling was built in the middle to late 1800's. The modern siding and multiple additions mask what appears to be one of the more historic farmsteads on Kent Island.

² Gabrielle M. Lanier and Bernard L. Herman, *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic: Looking at Buildings and Landscapes* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1997), 139 - 147.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Kent Island Heritage Society Records

Lanier, Gabrielle and Bernard Herman. *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic: Looking at Buildings and Landscapes*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins Press, 1997.

McAlester, Virginia & Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Knopf, 1995.

Queen Anne's County Land Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2,567 sq. ft

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Kent Island, Maryland

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of this property are as described in liber SM 1227 folio 140.

11. Form Prepared by

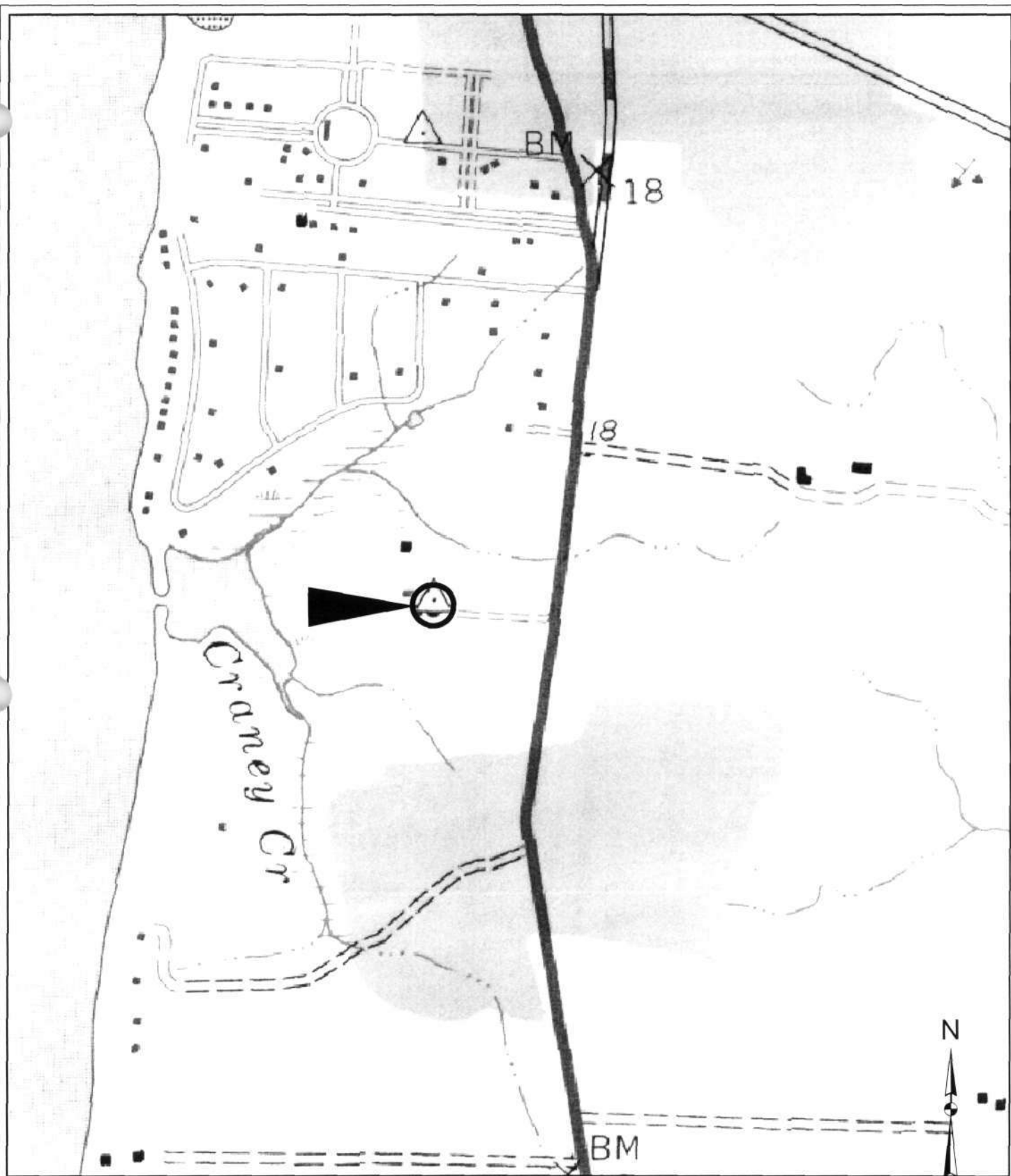
name/title	Rochelle Bohm		
organization	QA County. Dept. of Land Use, Growth Management, & Environment date 7/9/10		
street & number	160 Coursevall Drive	telephone	410-758-1255
city or town	Centreville	state	Maryland

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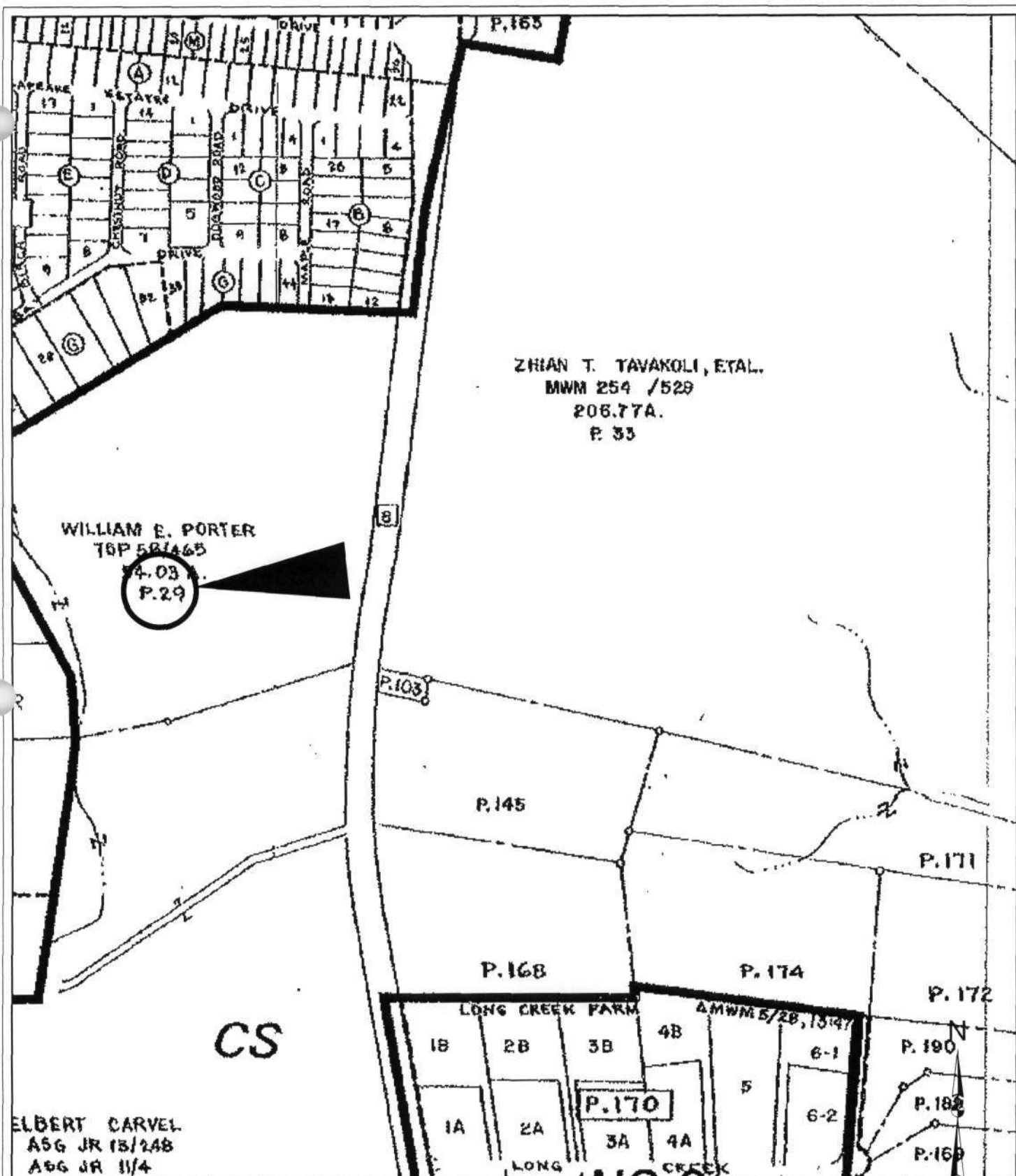
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Kent Island, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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200 Porters Farm Ln
Tax Map 63 Parcel 29
Queen Anne's County Maryland

Photo Log

QA- 667 – 200 Porters Farm Lane
Photos Taken November 2009
By Rochelle Bohm, Consultant
Queen Anne's County

Photos Printed on Epson Premium Glossy Paper with Epson UltraChrome pigmented inks.

File Name (s)	Description
QA-667_2009-11-18_01 QA-667_2009-11-18_01.TIF	View of east elevation looking west
QA-667_2009-11-18_02 QA-667_2009-11-18_02.TIF	Perspective view of north and east elevations looking southwest
QA-667_2009-11-18_03 QA-667_2009-11-18_03.TIF	Perspective view of north and west elevations looking southeast
QA-667_2009-11-18_04 QA-667_2009-11-18_04.TIF	Perspective view of south and west elevations looking northeast
QA-667_2009-11-18_05 QA-667_2009-11-18_05.TIF	Environmental view of outbuildings looking northeast



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VIEW OF EAST ELEVATION LOOKING WEST.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF NORTH & EAST ELEVATIONS
LOOKING SOUTHWEST.



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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS
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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF SOUTH & WEST ELEVATIONS
LOOKING NORTHEAST.



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ENVIRONMENTAL VIEW OF OUTBUILDINGS LOOKING
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